

## MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

AUSTIN, August 9, 1870.

Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: I herewith return to your House, where it originated, "An Act to incorporate the Austin Bridge Company," with a request that the same be reconsidered.

I return this act for the main reason that a good bridge ought to be built across the Colorado at Austin, and this act may have the effect to keep the present inefficient pontoon for thirty years to come. This pontoon bridge is of very little service when the water is low, because the river is then fordable; and when the water is high it cannot be used at all. This act fixes an exorbitant tariff of charges, and prohibits any other ferry or bridge for a distance of four miles in front of Austin, for thirty years. This is a monopoly that there will not be even the excuse of a good serviceable bridge to compensate for.

Under the general law regulating ferries, these persons can secure all ferry privileges that they are fairly entitled to, by application to the police court, and I suggest that they be remitted to that tribunal.

Very truly,

(Signed)

EDMUND J. DAVIS,  
Governor.

On motion of Senator. Flanagan the reading of the message was dispensed with.